

## Cooperator Staff Wines, Dines, Dances

By E. Don Bullion

As usual, **The Cooperator** dinner-dance at King Gustave's last Saturday was a howling success. Practically the entire staff was present; it seemed as if no one wanted to miss the fun. The smorgasbord gave the affair a slightly different twist.

An interesting feature was the skit prepared by the members of the staff, a travesty on famous people in history with particular emphasis on their ancestry.

In addition to a terpsichorean fantasy the presentation was enlivened by individual renditions by Sally Meredith, Isadore Parker, Doris Mednick and James Walsh.

Another feature of the evening was a square dance conducted by Ellen Linson with violent attempts by Tom Ritchie at the piano to keep up with the dancers. The square dancers and the piano player—they were both too exhausted to continue.

The real surprise of the evening, however, at least from one person's point of view—Mrs. William Klein—was the presentation of a baby's car bed, which under the circumstances was quite appropriate.

The dinner gave the entire staff an opportunity to meet Mrs. Sam Fox, who is almost as tall as Sam. The resemblance, however, stops right there. She is beautiful and very charming. Sam should show her how to pitch. But getting back to the party, it finally wound up about 1 a.m. with everyone leaving a small group playing bridge, including the kibitzers.

## GCS May Expand In Nearby Area

Greenbelt Consumer Services may expand its facilities in the Washington area with a GCS co-op center, possibly in the vicinity of New Hampshire Avenue extended, **The Cooperator** was told this week.

Exploratory discussions between the board of directors and management at the last meeting of the board was preceded and followed by a survey of fast-growing communities in and near Washington, according to GCS General Manager Sam Ashelman.

One possibility under consideration, according to Ashelman, is a duplex arrangement, with a supermarket on one side, a general merchandise store on the other, opening into each other.

"The board members and management agree," Ashelman said, "that the current financial position of GCS is such that the contemplation of expansion is sound."

## Co-op Vacations Planned For July

Eastern area cooperatives are planning another summer institute to be held July 16-22 at Wellesley College. For 20 years this annual event has provided leadership training and vacations for co-op members. Eastern Cooperatives, Inc., has conducted the vacation institute in the past; however, because of the pressure of other problems, it was felt it could not assume the responsibility this year so a group of past institute leaders and participants has undertaken the job. The group, headed by Ludwig E. Katterfield of Hempstead, N. Y., has reserved Severance Hall at Wellesley, the scene of last year's institute.

Plans are being made for the coming season and for a permanent Eastern Cooperative Institute Association. Benjamin Rosenzweig of Greenbelt and Walter R. Volckhausen of Potomac Cooperative Federation are representing the Potomac area in the group.

## 7 Dance Pupils Make Atlantic City Trip

Seven Greenbelt girls accompanied their dancing instructor to Atlantic City to participate in her demonstration of dance techniques and composition before the American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at its convention on March 19 and 20.

The dance instructor is Miss Evelyn Davis, who teaches interpretative dancing at the North End school under the sponsorship of the North End PTA, as well as in her studios in Washington. Greenbelt pupils who accompanied her were Marian East, Rochelle Feig, Diane Finlay, Judy Fleisher, Ann Harrington, Rosemary Long and Sheila Sanders. They went to Atlantic City in a chartered bus, along with some of Miss Davis' Washington pupils. Mrs. H. Fleisher and Mrs. H. Sanders accompanied the girls as chaperones.

## Drop Inn To Show Talent On May 5

The first annual talent night sponsored by the Drop Inn is planned for May 5 in the community building. Entry blanks may be obtained at the youth center, and must be turned in by April 15. Date for auditions will be announced later. The winner of the evening will be presented with a large trophy, to be kept for a year. An entrant must win the cup twice in order to get permanent possession.

## Rev. Pieplow Broadcasts

Reverend Edwin E. Pieplow, minister of the local Lutheran church, will broadcast a sermon next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. over the American Broadcasting system from radio station WFBR, Baltimore (1300 on the dial).

This is the third sermon by Rev. Pieplow in this series.

## JCC To Dine, Install Officers

Members of the Jewish Community Center will have their annual dinner meeting and install their new executive officers and members of the board of directors at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, in the social room of the community building.

The full-course dinner will be a catered affair under the direction of a Washington organization. Following the dinner and installation of officers, a program of sophisticated puppet entertainment by David Reznikoff, Jerry Pines and Elliott Bukzin will be given, as well as other entertainment.

The officers to be installed are Elliott Bukzin, president; Jack Ratzkin, vice president; Lillian Stutz, treasurer; Harold Vogel, recording secretary; Morris Terkel-taub, financial secretary; Florence Shinderman, corresponding secretary; and Sidney Spindel, Sam Schwimmer, Nettie Granims, Kalman Tillem to the board of directors. Nathan Shinderman, Nathan Schein and Ben Herman will continue to serve on the board of directors.

## PTA To Discuss City Recreation

The regular monthly membership meeting of the center school PTA will be held Tuesday, March 28, at 8:15 p.m. in the social room of the community building. Topic for discussion will be "play the town over." Ellen Linson will be in charge of games at the start of the meeting. Representatives of various town organizations will be led by moderator Ben Perelzweig in short discussion on phases of recreation in Greenbelt.

## Md. Senators Help Defeat Housing Bill

In an effort to secure the support of Maryland members of the Senate on the Middle-Income Housing Bill, **The Cooperator** wired Senators Millard E. Tydings and Herbert R. O'Connor the day before the Senate vote. Their replies follow:

Dear Miss Meredith:  
Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your telegram, expressing your support of S. 2246. You and you may be assured that your views will receive my most careful consideration when the matter comes up on the Senate floor.

With kindest regards,  
Sincerely yours,  
[s] HERBERT R. O'CONOR

Dear Miss Meredith:  
Yours of recent date has been received and I have noted carefully what you say with regard to S. 2246, the Cooperative Housing bill.

As you know, an amendment in the nature of a substitute for S. 2246 has been reported to the Senate and is now under discussion on the floor. You may be sure I shall keep in mind the views you have expressed, as this matter is given consideration.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely yours,  
[s] M. E. TYDINGS.

Both senators voted against the measure, which was defeated by 5 votes.

## League Airs Analysis Of Sothoron Bill

The League Reporter will discuss "An Analysis of the Sothoron Bill" Monday at 12:15 on WGAY, the regular broadcast of the League of Women Voters of Prince Georges County. Participating in the discussion will be Mrs. Simon Epstein, League county education chairman; Mrs. Harry Wolf, of the local government study group; and Mrs. Lyman Woodman, county chairman of public relation for the League.

## Lions Complete Season With Double Win

The Lions Basketball Team completed its 1949-50 season Sunday, March 19, in the community building gymnasium by winning both games of a double-header. In the first game the Lions defeated Pepco 46-29 and returned to the floor to defeat the Greenbelt Varsity 48-22 in the second game.

The Lions finished the season with an overall record of 26 wins and 8 losses. After playing .500 ball in their first 12 games they won 16 straight, lost one, and then won the final four games of the season. They annexed the Prince George's County YMCA basketball championship by defeating the ex-champions in two straight play-off games.

In the D. C. Recreation Department program the Lions finished second in the class "B" competition, losing only to the eventual class "B" champions.

The Lions Basketball Team expressed thanks to all those who supported the team in any way this past season and the hope that those who followed the club this year will continue to do so in the future.

The members of the Lions Basketball Team are as follows: Harry Benefiel, Dick Cleveland, "Summy" Cragin, Bob Fettes, Ben Goldfaden, Sid Graybeal, Richard House, John Littleton, George Neumann, Stan Provost, Bob Scott, Rene Ward, and Pete Cookson and Ted Fox, co-captains, Bob Lindeman, coach, and Chick Fulton and Paul Runnion, co-managers.

## PHA And City Council Agree On Budget, Cut Tax Rate

By I. J. Parker

City Manager Charles T. McDonald informed the council last Monday that PHA and Ralph Powers, city solicitor, have reached a tentative agreement regarding the cuts in this year's budget involving replacement funds "illegally" paid to Greenbelt. Agreement was reached when it was declared illogical for the city to set aside reserves for replacement of equipment belonging to the government.

Cut directly for this year's budget is \$875, and the sum to be returned from former yearly payments amounts to \$11,377. Since the latter amount cannot be taken directly from the present reserve pool, the city will be forced to distribute the loss from other funds. The agreement will be presented formally to the city shortly, as the temporary agreement to provide funds for the operation of Greenbelt expires on April 1. At that time it will be subject to another reading by Powers and perhaps further consideration by the council.

Readjusted total of this year's budget changes the tax rate and is now estimated to be 3.18 as against 3.25 originally stated.

The council planned to meet with Russel Cravens of PHA yesterday to discuss further problems connected with disposition of Greenbelt.

McDonald was authorized by the council to secure a permit from PHA to use certain lands in Greenbelt for the purpose of sanitary fill. The section chosen was near the north end of town, bordering the anticipated Baltimore-Washington Parkway. It will eliminate the use of the incinerator, which has proved inadequate to dispose of certain material, and lessen the time spent in travel for the garbage trucks. Trenches are to be dug, the trash dumped into them, and the trenches will be covered by soil. The method and site are approved by the U. S. Public Health Service and the Maryland State Board of Health.

An ordinance prohibiting littering of the streets was strengthened, and the city manager was ordered to prepare regulations making the law more effective.

## Labukas Resigns

The coming resignation of Mrs. Eileen Labukas from the staff of the Recreation Department was announced to the council. This re-

## Legion Loses Slots

The Legion house was broken into during the night last Saturday and the two slot machines were stolen. The inside doors were broken as well as the side door, and a group of keys were taken, one of which opened the case for the slot machines. The police are investigating.

The empty safe which was stolen from the Legion house last week was found by the Prince Georges County police in Edmonston, Maryland.

## Health Ass'n Gives Tick Shots Saturdays

The Greenbelt Health Association will give tick shots for three more Saturdays, according to Mrs. Harry Stage, Association president. Since the new type of vaccine being used this year requires a series of three shots to anyone who has not had it previously, residents desiring to avail themselves of the shots should get the first one this Saturday.

Anyone who has had a shot last year requires only one—a booster shot. Charges are \$1 for adult members per shot and \$.75 for children; for non-members, the charge is \$1.50 for adults and \$1.25 for children.

Shots will be given from 9 until 12 noon on Saturdays at the Health Association offices at 30-C Ridge Road.

duces the staff to two. The Recreation Department has provided the elementary schools with a physical education program during school hours, and Mrs. Labukas' resignation will seriously affect this program. Mayor Elizabeth Harrington felt that the county should rightfully provide for the students' physical education and proposed that McDonald investigate the possibilities of the county doing so. McDonald felt that the time for such investigation was right, since the county board of education wanted all the support it can get for its proposed budget presentation this year.

The problem of replacing Mrs. Labukas at the Drop-Inn will also be investigated.

An amendment to the bicycle registration ordinance was discussed vigorously, and will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. A new registration and examination of all bicycles in town starting next August was proposed. A 25-cent fee for new tags will be required at the initial registration, and a yearly examination of the vehicle free of charge was proposed. George Panagoulis, Chief of Police, strongly recommended the proposal.

## Municipal Survey

Mr. McDonald reported that the Bureau of Public Administration of the University of Maryland was willing to make a survey of the municipal government of Greenbelt, at no charge. This study will be used for purposes of comparison with other municipalities, and will include recommendations and information of importance regarding our tax structure and the budget. The council expressed its approval of the survey and requested McDonald to make the necessary arrangements.

Steve Comings presented a statement on the financial operations taken from the treasurer's report, which showed that for the past three years combined the pool had been losing money. He felt that the anticipated policy of non-segregation in Washington pools, combined with local low admission fees, would create even greater crowded conditions in the pool this coming summer. A revision of rates and a definite policy towards non-residents should be considered seriously, he stated.

## Outsiders Pay More?

Mrs. Harrington felt that residents of nearby communities with much lower tax rates are taking advantage of our higher tax rate by utilizing the swimming pool, since local residents pay for the loss in its operation. She felt that admission fees for adults should be raised, and some arrangement to charge non-residents a higher fee would be advisable. Other members of council supported her views.

Mr. McDonald distributed forms to be filled out by council members in compliance with the Ober Bill. This is the controversial "loyalty" statute which requires all state, county, and municipal employees and elected representatives to formally declare their loyalty to the government.

Asked whether any council member wish to make a statement regarding the signing, Mrs. Harrington stated that she thought the Ober Bill was a "negative approach" to the problem. However, she said she intended to sign the form immediately.



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## Exception

As a rule letters to the editor present the writer's opinion rather than facts. *The Cooperator's* supply this week bears out this general rule, with one exception. One letter presents a statement of fact—one that can be, and has been, checked.

The Greenbelt Homes Cooperative Association is, in fact, acting in direct violation to the laws of Maryland, which provide that out-of-state corporations must register in Maryland, pay filing fees, and act otherwise in accordance with the State's corporate laws. A quick check with State officials showed this week that GHCA, which incorporated several weeks ago under the laws of the District of Columbia, has not even taken the initial step of registering, and is therefore liable to prosecution and the payment of fines up to a maximum of \$200 a day for each day they have operated illegally.

The courts may be lenient in this instance, if the Long-Redd-Dove group rectifies the situation. But how many instances of ignorance of the law and general irresponsibility will be sanctioned?

## TO THE EDITOR

### SURPRISE

After reading the many letters and news accounts in *The Cooperator* about the new Greenbelt Homes Cooperative Association, I am surprised to learn that the GHCA officers apparently haven't investigated the Maryland law. The new organization is operating illegally by not paying taxes to the State in accordance with provisions covering out-of-state corporations.

I am also amazed at their hiring as manager a man who has had absolutely no experience in housing management. Additional evidence of this serious lack of planning is abundant in the flaws so ably pointed out in your editorial in last week's *Cooperator*.

E. Don Bullion

### NOT 'AT ANY PRICE'

Something new has been added. Now, in addition to being "irresponsible," "spite-infested," we are "malcontents" and "blackmailers." May I remind you that these "blackmailers" have been active in "Tide of Toys," "Heart Drive," and Greenbelt Boys Club.

The members of the board of directors of GHCA are just as interested in unity as Mr. Salzman and *The Cooperator*. However, "unity at any price," as your editorial proposes, would not be acceptable by our members or any democratic-minded citizen with a mind of his own.

Hitler, Mussolini, and Hirohito shouted to their people—unity. Today Stalin is using the same propaganda to embroil the world in another war. Thank God we live in a country where we have the right to differ with our neighbors and still not be confined to a concentration camp.

Yes, we are for unity but not at the price you place upon it.

Robert F. Dove,  
President, GHCA

### THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to each and every one who gave help and prayers during our daughter Tony's recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Macchio

### LONG LETTER

I should like to comment through your columns on my reasons for accepting the terms of a management contract which the board of Greenbelt Homes offered me. As everybody who reads *The Cooperator* and attends various membership meetings knows, I have strongly advocated efficient and economical management in our town and co-op enterprises, non-secret and reasonable salaries for our key executives, reduced overhead, and preference to qualified Greenbelters. This is not true in some of our other community enterprises and preference to out-of-town friends is that Greenbelt people won't accept such positions.

With this in mind, and with knowledge of the conniving of certain people to take advantage of this fact in GVHC, the board of Greenbelt Homes offered me this tentative position and I publicly accepted. I insisted in a reduction of the salary to \$8,500, a fair one consistent with the responsibility of the position and incidentally, with less financial benefits to myself than my present position.

I should like to make it clear right now that my resignation is ready at any time that a well-qualified resident of Greenbelt is available to serve effectively and efficiently—but meanwhile this management contract will, we hope, force any other group at any other time to give preference to Greenbelters and to hold salaries within reason.

We believe this is the only method of controlling people who believe in keeping salaries secret, who have a great love of people from out of town for key positions, and who so easily voted \$12,000 out the window only two short years ago.

The sincere objective of the board and myself is to insure a low-cost, sensible housing plan for Greenbelt and we are willing to step aside anytime that is accomplished.

A. C. Long,  
Manager, GHCA.

## Anti Histamine Users Require Caution

"Wide advertising of antihistamines for the prevention of colds should not persuade people to place too much confidence in these drugs," Dr. R. H. Riley, director of the State Department of Health, warns the residents of Maryland. "Those who decide to take any of the commercially produced antihistamine pills should realize that it is highly important for them to follow exactly the directions accompanying the drug."

"Regardless of the effectiveness of these new products it remains most desirable to take the ordinary precautions against contracting a cold—adequate sleep, clothing adapted to the weather, ell-balanced diet, moderate outdoor exercise and avoidance of unnecessary contacts with those already suffering from colds. Extra rest and the drinking of large quantities of fruit juice and water are still important aids to physical well being and complete cure if a cold occurs."

"People are affected differently while taking these drugs. Unfavorable reactions in some users include dizziness, drowsiness and temporary loss of muscle control. For this reason everyone is strongly advised against driving an automobile or working around machinery while taking the pills. It should be remembered that there is no way of determining in advance how the drugs may affect any individual patient."

"Many readers of sensational advertisements may get the impression that taking small doses of the antihistamines every day or so will prevent them from catching colds. Such use of the drugs should be discouraged most emphatically. Physicians have not yet determined what effect these products may have upon the human system if taken over a long period of time."

"The warning to follow all manufacturers' directions carefully and exactly can hardly be stressed too much. Antihistamines are still new and largely unproven drugs. Persons choosing to take them in order to forestall unpleasant cold symptoms should certainly never make themselves guinea pigs by experimenting with unrecommended uses and varying dosages."

### Shorthand Goes On

Shorthand classes will continue for the next two months at the center school, room 222, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 7:30 to 9:30.

### WANTS PROTECTION

Thank you for printing my letter last week (with annotations). As you noted, GVHC members expelled by the board have a right to appeal to the membership. But what is that worth? It is impossible to allot enough time in a membership meeting to provide an adequate hearing of the evidence, which might require a court of law a day or more to hear. Nor is there any provision guaranteeing a fair and impartial hearing under such safeguards as are enforced at court trials—without which a fair hearing is impossible. It is noted that neither the board nor the membership is required to grant a hearing. This right of appeal is far from adequate protection against arbitrary expulsion.

Contrast co-op with individual ownership, under which a person cannot be deprived of his home for any reason other than nonpayment of the mortgage and taxes. Under the law not even a convicted criminal can be deprived of his home because of his conviction. "Actions which the board considers detrimental to the welfare of the organization" may mean anything the board wants it to mean. Tenure under co-op ownership should be freed of such uncertainties as the prejudices and predilections of board members and fellow tenants. If there be justification for kicking a member out of Greenbelt for any reason other than nonpayment of rent, such cause should be carefully defined and in all fairness provision should be made to guarantee a fair trial by an independent committee under the standards followed in the courts of law.

B. J. Bordenet

## PROTESTANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

### Ministers

Rev. Edward H. Bonsall, Jr.  
Phone: 8241  
Rev. Eric T. Braund  
Phone: 5001

Thursday, March 23 - 7 p.m., Junior choir rehearsal.

Friday, March 24 - 9-12:30, Dude ranch party sponsored by Kan Du Club.

Sunday, March 16 - 9:30 a.m., Sunday School classes for all ages at both Center and North End schools. 10 a.m., Men's Bible class and young people's class. 11 a.m., Church worship service. Sermon: "Judas or Peter—an Eternal Choice." Music by the junior and senior choirs. Nursery care available for pre-school children. 3:30 p.m., class for boys and girls who are joining the church on Palm Sunday at the Braund's, 7 Forestway. 4:30 p.m., class for adults who are joining the church on Palm Sunday at the Braund's, 7 Forestway. Pilgrim Fellowship meets with the Washington Pilgrim Fellowship at Lincoln Temple.

Wednesday, March 29 - 8 p.m., choir rehearsal.

Thursday, March 30 - 8:15 p.m., Discussion Group meeting at the home of Mrs. Eric T. Braund, 7 Forestway.

## ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo, Pastor

All services except Baptisms in St. Hugh's parish hall.

Confessions: Saturday, 3 to 5 p.m. for children, 7:30 to 9:30 for adults. A visiting Franciscan priest will assist each Saturday until Easter, beginning this week.

Sunday Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Daily Mass: 7 a.m.

Wednesday: Novena services at 8 p.m. followed by a sermon and Benediction. Stations of the Cross Wednesday afternoon at 2:15 p.m.

Friday: Stations of the Cross at 3:30 p.m. and again at 8 p.m., followed by Benediction.

## GREENBELT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Edwin E. Pieplow, Minister  
Phone WA. 0942

Thursday, March 23 - The choir will meet at the home of Mrs. Holien, 2-F Plateau, 8 p.m. Lenten service at Landover Hills, 8:15 p.m. Pastor's sermon will be "The Pleading Word," John 19:28.

Friday, March 24 - Men's Club will meet in the home of Clarence Berg, 20-H Hillside, 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 26 - Sunday School, 11:30. Adult Bible class, 12 noon. Church service, 12:30. The sermon will be "Keys to Comfort"—Matt. 5:4. A cordial welcome to all. Make this church your church.

Wednesday, March 29 - Lenten services in the Mt. Rainier church, 7 and 8:15 p.m. The pastor's sermon will be "The Priestly Word"—John 19:30.

### By-Laws Clarified

As you so emphatically stated in your editorial of March 16, every citizen of Greenbelt SHOULD avail himself of the opportunity to study the bylaws of Greenbelt Homes Cooperative Association. That is the purpose for which they are posted in the post office, the library, the City Hall and the American Legion Post. If similar documents of GVHC were also publicly available, Greenbelt residents could, by comparing the two, decide for themselves which were more democratic.

I hope that your promised study of GHCA bylaws clarified your misconception concerning the mail vote. (Section 7-page 14). Members present at meeting will discuss and vote on all questions and proposals, in accordance with parliamentary procedure. However, absentee members will be mailed (within two days after the meeting) a ballot containing the same proposals on which the meeting voted. They will have eight days in which to study, ask questions and thoroughly familiarize themselves with the subject before mailing it back to the Secretary.

Charles L. Redd,  
Board Member, GHCA.  
P.S. If I remember correctly, only seven (7) men organized the other housing group.

## MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Russell B. Reed, Minister

Phone SHepherd 0035

Sunday, March 26 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Classes for each age group. Last Sunday we had record attendance. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Sermon: "Why Call Ye Me Lord, Lord, and Do Not the Things I Say?"

Monday, March 27 - Sunday School Board will hold its regular meeting in the church, 8 p.m. All members are urged to be present.

Tuesday, March 28 - The Methodist men will bowl at College Park, 9 p.m.

Friday, March 31 - The adult choir will rehearse in the church, 7:30 p.m.

Infants and children will be baptized on Palm Sunday. New members will be received on Easter Sunday.

## HEBREW SERVICES

Morris Sandhaus, Rabbi

All services are held in the social room of the community building.

Friday - Candlelighting, 5:50 p.m. Services, 8:30 p.m. Sermon, "Leviticus."

Saturday - Regular services and confirmation (Bar Mitzvah) of David Schurr at 9 a.m. Sermon, "The Candelabra." Confirmant will address the congregation. The "Kiddush" and reception will follow the services.

## DISAGREEMENT

Last Monday night members of the City Council each received a loyalty pledge made out in accordance with the provisions of the Ober law. All appointed or elected officials, including teachers, and candidates for office in any political subdivision of Maryland must sign this pledge or they will be immediately discharged. As citizens of Maryland who may vote on whether to keep the Ober law or not in a referendum a the November election, we need to think carefully about the implications of the law.

Three employees of the state, who their employers say are certainly not subversive, have refused to sign the pledge because they profoundly believe the law is wrong. Their viewpoint can best be expressed by a quotation from the statement of one of them, Dr. Brailley:

"I am opposed to the Ober law on religious grounds because in my opinion it is a denial of the brotherhood of man. It legalizes the search for and persecution of certain minorities, forgetful of the intrinsic worth of every human being before God. Although I believe that the law was designed for our protection, it was inspired by fear, and in actual practice I believe that it will inevitably fail to bind our citizens together in an atmosphere of good will and mutual trust, so essential to sane, wholesome, and responsible living."

"On legal grounds I am opposed to the Ober law because I think it is itself subversive. It undermines the basic principle of democracy, namely faith in the ability of the individual to think for himself and faith in the corrective and educational value of free speech, a free press, and free assembly. No person should be tried and condemned because of opinion, or because of association with others holding unpopular opinions. Yet under certain circumstances these are crimes in Maryland under the Subversive Activities Act of 1949. By supporting such legislation are we not betraying freedom in Maryland and laying the foundation for a police state?"

Freedom of thought and freedom of association, two cornerstones of democracy, must mean freedom for expression of opinion we strongly disagree with as well as what we agree with, for the word "free" to have meaning.

Let's think about the Ober law, discuss it with our neighbors, and vote thoughtfully in the November referendum.

Concerned Citizen.



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## Waltonians Enjoy St. Patricks Dance

By E. Don Bullian

The Greenbelt Waltonians spent another enjoyable evening of dining and dancing, on St. Patrick's night, at the club house of the Silver Spring chapter. The affair started with the squeezing in of the occupants of six automobiles into four cozy cars. Everyone enjoyed the evening's festivities because of the wide variety of activities, which ranged from watching a championship boxing show on the television to bending elbows at the bar. The ladies however seemed to be more active than the men, in that they spent a considerable part of their time in dragging their husbands from either the television or the bar, to the dance floor. The cheering and applause by the ladies at the finish of the boxing show puzzled the writer for a moment but he soon realized the reason for their cheerfulness. The men could now devote more time to dancing. Between Paul Jones and snowballs however, even the ladies had their fill of dancing by 1:30 a.m. The Greenbelt group left reluctantly

## Personal Touch

By Doris Asbell Mednick, 3518

After running the gamut of "flu," grippie, and "virus X" (I'm no slouch), if I had a "beat" I could say . . . it's nice being back on it —(Editor or PHA please note: not only is a Times Square or a 53rd St. bistro sorely lacking in Greenbelt—but just think what The Co-operator staff could do with a Lindy's! Or could have done with one Saturday night at the annual dinner and dance. Talent scouts should have been present.)

Spring is here, they tell me, but so far there's no evidence of people's thoughts turning—young men's or otherwise.

One more note about "those Wimpole St. Barretts." Producer John Kenley held auditions while the show was in D. C. for his summer stock company in Lakewood, Pa., and our Miss Joan Dietzel, 2-B Plateau, was one of the auditionees. Joan definitely has her sights set on Broadway. She's thinking about Academy of Dramatic Arts or Neighborhood Playhouse in N. Y. for the fall. How about working with Greenbelt's new drama group, scheduled to meet March 30 at the Center School at 8 p.m.? There are several other potential starlets in town: Jane Maurine Brooks, 3½, daughter of Mrs. Irene Brooks, 12-A Hillside, and Kenny, age 4, and Mary Clare, age 8, children of Mrs. Ruth Powell, 13-E Laurel Hill, who modeled in Woodward & Lothrop's recent contest "Have You a Model Child?" They showed a great deal of poise and stage presence.

Mrs. Emma LaMacchia, 2-F Laurel Hill, celebrated her birthday Monday night. As a gift, her uncle sent her 3 giant cartons filled with dozens of pots and cooking utensils. They've overflowed to the living room. . . Mrs. William J. Kellaher, 8-C Ridge, gave birth to her ninth child, a boy, last week. Eight are living. . . Mr. and Mrs. Hugh P. Burns, 44-N Ridge, returned recently from N. Y. C. where Mrs. Burns celebrated her birthday.

William Schoeb, 33-N Ridge, leaves March 24 for Ft. Monmouth, N. J., where he will take a course in radio in connection with the National Guard here in town. . . Wayne Jernberg, 60-A Crescent, returned recently from a six-month visit in Texas. He and his parents went there for a visit—it's their native state and Wayne just extended the visit.

Mrs. Frances Miller, 10-B Plateau was matron of honor at her sister's wedding in Philadelphia, March 12. Daughter Betty, age 6, was flower girl. Two days later the newlyweds were on their way to Florida when their car was hit near College Park by two cars alternately and sideswiped by a truck. Luckily they were not harmed. Looking at the demolished car front, the lonely stretch of road, the dismal rainy night—the bridegroom exclaimed "What a Godforsaken place to be stranded in." "Aha," the bride exclaims, "We're right near Greenbelt where my sister lives."

Mrs. Adeline Hamm, 8-L Plateau, has organized a sewing club in the 8 court of Plateau. This group will meet on alternate Tuesday nights and from the looks of the first meeting the girls really sew.

Mrs. Joseph Loftus, 7-J Crescent, president of St. Hugh's Parents' Guild, would like to announce her new phone number: 7846.

Carol Younkin, 5-A Gardenway, celebrated her 7th birthday with a dress-up party. All her girl friends wore grown-up clothes. These youngsters will soon celebrate their 9th birthday: March 27, Peggy Wharton, 1-F Westway; March 28, Richard Ringel, 1-G Westway; Richard Kessner, 22-G Westway, on April 1.

with a promise to return to Silver Spring for that chapter's annual dinner-dance which usually features unusual entertainment.

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## Let's Talk Co-op

By Ben Rosenzweig

Our motto: "More light, less heat" This column has had a long lapse due to several factors, including being bounced off the GCS board and canvassing for members of GVHC. It is hoped that this sort of lost weekend will be minimized in future.

**The Future of Co-op Housing—** The Senate clipped the Sparkman bill, intended to permit cooperative home building, by cutting out the provisions for allowing low rates of interest by virtue of government guarantee.

The House version of the bill is coming up this week and is backed by President Truman, as was the Senate bill. Why should you write your favorite representative backing it?

**FHA Deal—**Individual FHA mortgage for 100 homes will be covered by 100 mortgages at 4½% PLUS ½% premium. The insurance company buyers get about 3.04%. There is a 1½% difference which goes to the mortgage company for a handling premium and the servicing costs of the mortgage and insurance companies.

**Co-op Deal—**The same insurance companies will buy instead of mortgages, a block of \$100,000,000 of National Mortgage Association debentures. Since these are government guaranteed (like FHA mortgages), they will sell on Wall Street at only a fraction above the going government interest rate. This same end result follows from the present FHA system, because a defaulted mortgage is covered by government guaranteed debenture. BUT since the co-op procedure is not followed at the start, the economy is not achieved of a low interest rate.

**More Co-op—**With the proposed plan, 100 homes are covered by one mortgage. The co-op collects payments to send to the National Mortgage Assn. for Co-operatives. For 125 projects of 100 homes each, there will be 125 instead of 12,500 mortgages. These 125 will be serviced by the co-ops and the non-profit Natl. Mortgage Assn. for Co-ops.

**Inflation?—**The Government presently guarantees all FHA and VA mortgages. It is proposed that the Government subscribe \$100,000,000 to the NMAC. This is to be retired by the co-ops, until co-ops have 100% stake in it. In 1933, the Farm Home Loan Bank was set up with \$150,000,000 and the Federal Farm Co-ops for \$100,000,000.

**The Goal—**Ultimate home ownership.

More next week . . .

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## Troop 229 Gets Prize At Scout Exhibition

Greenbelt's Boy Scout Troop 229 won an honor award with their pioneering exhibit at the Boy Scout Exhibition last weekend. They had set up rustic models of bridges and towers, and demonstrated the knots which held the elaborate structures together. Richard White, scoutmaster, stated that the boys deserved a great deal of credit for the work they did on the exhibit, and expressed the troop's gratitude to the police and firemen for the use of their clubroom by the scouts. The boys spent a lot of time practicing on their models and stored the models there.

F. H. Birdseye, secretary of Cub Pack 229, announced that the pack will have its regular meeting in the social room of the community building on Thursday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m.

## CO-OPS AT WORK

The Potomac Cooperative Federation-sponsored "Co-ops at Work" radio program, appearing on WCFM (99.5 on FM dial) each Monday at 7:45 p.m. will tell a story of the world-famous cooperatives of Nova Scotia on March 27. Folk songs of the Maritime Provinces will be presented. Dr. J. T. Croteau, of Catholic University, who worked with Father Coady for 13 years assisting in the development of Nova Scotian co-ops, will participate in the planning and presentation of the story.

## All-Boys Club Night Set For Saturday

National Boys' Club Week will be observed in Greenbelt Saturday night when the Greenbelt Boys' Club presents its second annual All-Boys' Club Nite at the community building auditorium. Festivities will begin at 7 p.m. when the club's 80-pound basketballs take the floor against Markham's Esso of Arlington. This will be followed by games featuring other local club teams against strong opposition. The Greenbelt Majorettes will be on hand, accompanied by the band, to entertain between games.

Highlight of the evening will be the presentation of awards to members of the basketball and boxing teams. Mayor Harrington and several outstanding sports figures will be present to pay tribute to the local boys. A capacity crowd is expected with the choice seats going to early arrivals.

The Club's Junior and 90-pound quints each added victories to their record over the weekend by defeating Laurel Juniors and Markham's Esso. The Juniors experienced little difficulty, trouncing their opponents 35-10. Mike Redd led the scorers with 7 points, Billy Higgins contributing 6. The 90-pounders finished strong to topple their Virginia foes 33-25 as Mike Cockill hit for 16 points. Dave Schurr and Bruce MacEwen excelled on defense for the winners.

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## HOUSING AMERICA

By Mike Salzman

This column will survey the principles and problems of cooperative and mutual housing. It will not deal with specific Greenbelt problems; these are left to the newsletter soon to be published by the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation.

Why do people join cooperative and mutual housing groups? These people are motivated by a strong desire to obtain housing for their own use, without expectation of speculative profits to themselves from the sale or rental of their dwellings to others. Although cooperative housing does not provide for outright individual ownership of a particular dwelling, it offers the virtual equivalent—security of possession and occupancy—at a saving to the family budget which more than makes up for the largely illusory advantage of being able to display a title deed to the dwelling unit occupied.

Cooperative housing in the United States has been retarded by a mental attitude based on an overvaluation of the benefits of speculative individual ownership, and an inadequate understanding of the advantages offered by nonspeculative cooperative ownership to a family concerned primarily with obtaining the best possible housing for every dollar spent.

### General Aspects Of Cooperative Housing

Genuine democracy is essential to the effective functioning of a cooperative housing corporation. Except as necessitated by the space limitations of available housing facilities, by the cooperative's obligations to its members to safeguard their investments, and by its obvious responsibility to promote a harmonious community, membership should be open to any persons desiring to participate. Each family member should have one vote, regardless of the amount of stock owned.

The member does not receive title to any individual apartment or dwelling; he owns shares equivalent to the amount of his equity in the dwelling he occupies. His evidence of ownership consists of a stock certificate which indicates the amount of his investment and entitles him to lease his dwelling from the cooperative housing corporation. All details are set forth in the leasehold agreement executed. A

member, in withdrawing, gives due notice that he wishes to dispose of his equity and give up his dwelling. The withdrawing member is entitled to the fixed par value of his paid-up shares, subject to the depreciation of the value of the property, and any appreciation of its value due to any significant permanent improvement made by the member. In no case, however, should the increased value resulting from the group's activity or from the benefits of cooperative principles be a basis for a withdrawing member's claim.

The corporate earnings of the group, after establishing such reserves as may be required by law or prudent business practices, are usually paid to the members as a "savings return." The effect of this disbursement is to reduce the members' net payment for the housing accommodations to the actual cost involved, and to reduce the corporation's net earnings.

These policies are followed in consumers' cooperative housing corporations because their purpose is not to make money but to obtain for the members desirable dwelling units on a service basis, thereby giving the members full value for their payments. If a member elects to withdraw from the

## Mrs. Kennedy Heads Youth Parents Guild

Mrs. James Kennedy has taken over the operation of the Drop-Inn's Parents Guild, because of the resignation of Hugh Hawkins, who held the position for the last year and is resigning because of the pressure of other work.

In her new job, Mrs. Kennedy is working first on the reorganization of the host and hostess committee which assists the recreation department with the supervision of the youth center. Four hostesses have been appointed for the nights the center is open: Mrs. Charles Roehling for Wednesday, Mrs. Wesley Darling, Fridays, and Mrs. Freeland Ramsdell and Mrs. Kennedy, Saturday. Each hostess will draw up a list of helpers for her night, in an effort to get all parents to participate.

group and its benefits he may do so in a manner which is fair to him. It should be remembered, that no member is entitled to claim individual financial profit from any phase of the group's operation.

Next week - Advantages and Disadvantages of Cooperative Housing.

## Henry Gets Robbed

Henry Brautigam, manager of the Greenbelt branch of the Prince Georges Bank, attended a Community Church meeting at the community building last Wednesday night. After the meeting he offered a friend a lift home. When he got into his old Ford and turned on the lights and the ignition, nothing happened. On lifting the hood he found that someone had "lifted" the radiator from his car.

## Drama Group Starts

The first meeting of the Greenbelt drama group, under the direction of Mrs. Doris Asbell Mednick, will be held March 30 at 8 p.m. in room 225 at the community building. Plans for the first production will be discussed at this meeting.

## North End PTA Meets Tuesday

The North End PTA will meet Tuesday night, March 28, at 8:15 p.m. in the North End school auditorium. Principal speaker will be Mrs. Louise Walker, director of audio-visual education for Montgomery county, who will outline the needs in equipment for an audio-visual educational program in the elementary school. The North End school is exploring the possibility of setting up such a program, and Tuesday's meeting will be the first step toward acquainting parents with the idea and the necessary tools which will make it possible.

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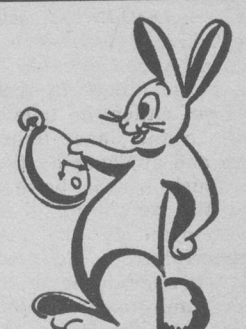
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